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1. SUMMARY: THE COMMISSION HAS AGREED WITH DEPARTMENT'S SUGGESTIONS ON THE AGENDA (REFTEL A). THE CURRENT SCENARIO FOR THE TALKS,WHICH IS LARGELY BASED UPON AVAILABILITIES OF THE COMPETENT EC COMMISSION OFFICIALS, IS OUTLINED BELOW. END SUMMARY.

2. THE SCENARIO FOR THE INDUSTRIAL POLICY DISCUSSIONS HAS BEEN MODIFIED SOMEWHAT FROM THAT CONTAINED IN REFTEL C, PARA 2. THE SCENARIO WITH APPROXIMATE TIMES, IS NOW AS FOLLOWS:
OCTOBER 15-TUESDAY
9:00--US DELEGATION MEETING AT USEC
10:00-PLENARY--(EC SIDE CHAIRED BY JOSEPHUS LOEFF UNTIL 16:00)
OPENING REMARKS (HIJZEN-FOX)
10:30--SECTORAL POLICIES--COMPUTERS, AIRCRAFT, PAPER, TELE-COMMUNICATION, PERHAPS SHIPBUILDING.

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12:00 GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT (INDUSTRIAL ASPECTS)

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13:00 LUNCH OFFERED BY THE COMMISSION
15:00 OTHER TOPICS:
(A) US EXPORT CONTROLS ON STEEL SCRAP AND FERTILIZER.
(B) MULTI-NATIONAL CORPORATIONS
(BRAUN BECOMES CHAIRMAN OF EC SIDE)
16:00 GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT (TECHNICAL ASPECTS)
18:00 END OF THE SESSION

OCTOBER 16-WEDNESDAY
9:45 PRIVATE MEETING BETWEEN DEP. ASST. SEC. FOX AND HIJZEN
10:15--PLENARY-(EC SIDE CAHIRED BY BRAUN)
HARMONIZATION OF COMPANY LAW
11:00 EC AND US REGIONAL POLICIES
12:00 STANDARDS
12:45 END OF SESSION
13:15 LUNCH OFFERED BY AMBASSADOR GREENWALD
15:15 STANDARDS
17:45 REMAINING TOPICS AND CLOSING REMARKS
18:00 END OF THE SESSION

3. WE CONVEYED TO TULLY OF THE EC COMMISSION THE SUGGESTIONS IN REFTEL A. REGARDING SECTORAL POLICIES, TULLY SAID THE COMMISSION MAY WISH TO DISCUSS ITS SHIPBUILDING POLICY ALTHOUH WE NOTED THAT WE WERE NOT PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN IT.

4. TRANSPORTATION WILL NOT BE RAISED AT THE GENERAL SESSIONS BUT HIJZEN WILL RAISE THE ENGERGY TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ACT OF 1975 WITH ASST. SEC. FOX AT THE PRIVATE MEETING ON WEDNESDAY. HE WILL ALSO ASK ABOUT THE BUY AMERICAN ASPECTS OF THE MILITARY PROCUREMENT AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1975 AND THE 1975 DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS BILL.

5. AS SUGGESTED IN REFTEL A, PARA 3, THE US CONSUMERS PRODUCTS SAFETY ACT, BICYCLE SAFETY STANDARDS AND PENDING US LEGIALATION ON NON-RETURNABLE BOTTLES WILL BE DISCUSSED UNDER STANDARDS.

6. THE COMMISSION WILL ASK US TO TAKE NOTE OF THEIR INTEREST IN DISCUSSING THE TWO US EXPORT CONTROL ITEMS AT THE FORTHCOMING US-EC SEMI-ANNUAL CONSULTATIONS.

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7. HOTEL RESERVATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR THE DELEGATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTELS. JOEL SPIRO, THE USEC CONTROL OFFICER, WILL MEET DEP. ASST. SECRETARY FOX ON OCTOBER 14 AND OTHER DELEGATION MEMBERS ARRIVING ON THE SAME PLANE AND BE PREPARED TO ASSIST THEM AS NECESSARY ON OCTOBER 14.

8. COMMENT : IT TOOK THE COMMISSION UNTIL OCTOBER 10 TO DECIDE WHETHER BRAUN OR LOEFF WOULD CHAIR THE SESSION ON GOVERNMENT

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PROCUREMENT. THEY TAKE DIVERGENT VIEWS ON THE SUBJECT: BRAUN IS PRIMARILY CONCERNED WITH THE OPENING THE GOVERNMENT MARKET SO IT WILL BE A PART OF THE COMMON MARKET. LOEFF IS MORE INCLINED TO USE GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT TO FURTHER INDUSTRIAL OBJECTIVES. THE COMPROMISE FINALLY REACHED IS THAT LOEFF WILL HAVE A CRACK AT THE SUBJECT TUESDAY MORNING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SECTORAL POLICIES, WHEN HE IS IN THE CHAIR, AND BRAUN WILL HANDLE IT TUESDAY AFTERNOON. LOEFF WILL DISCUSS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT AND SECTORAL POLICIES AND BRAUN WILL TALK ABOUT THE DRAFT EC COUNCIL DIRECTIVE AND THE OECD EXERCISE. GREENWALD

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